



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 165**

January Session, 2015

House Bill No. 6391

*House of Representatives, March 23, 2015*

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through REP. HENNESSY of the 127th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT INCREASING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Mental  
2 Health and Addiction Services, in consultation with the Commissioner  
3 of Veterans' Affairs, shall conduct a study of the Connecticut Military  
4 Support program within the Department of Mental Health and  
5 Addiction Services to determine whether there is a need to expand  
6 state-provided mental health services for members of the armed forces,  
7 veterans and their families. The commissioners shall report, in  
8 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
9 the findings of such study to the joint standing committees of the  
10 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to military  
11 and veterans' affairs and public health on or before October 1, 2015.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**VA**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact associated with requiring the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to study and report on the potential need to expand services under the Military Support Program.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None



**OLR Bill Analysis**

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VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.***

**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14    Nay 0    (03/05/2015)